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difference. I...we've been involved in bidding procedures where there was a penalty written in in order to keep it on an even flow, so that it doesn't stall out because somebody doesn't do their part of the project on a timely manner. And that's the only thing I had a concern about.

SENATOR BOURNE: Right. It...this wouldn't be...the whole process wouldn't be any different from what you're articulating. You know, when you let bids on that project that you did, you evaluated those contractors based on their reputation, you probably asked them how many men, or workers, they could bring out, and how often they'd appear on the job, you asked them overtime questions, you probably checked their references to see if they performed past jobs adequately. And none of that would change. But again, what I'm suggesting to the body here is that an ethanol producer comes in here from, say, Minnesota, for sake of example. Well, they bring their own workers. They don't even let, you know, so-and-so's pipe installation company have the opportunity to bid on it. So it's real easy for us to say, well, of course, everybody they bring in is highly specialized. Well, the point is, is how do you know? I mean, if you're not letting other...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...contractors bid on this, how do you know that there's not a Nebraska-based contractor that could do the job just as well or better?

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand what you're saying, and I don't really have a problem. I was just curious about the timeliness of the project, make sure that it's done. But yeah, I don't want to muddy up your amendment or the bill any more than it is. I was just curious about if there was any actual time limits developed in the letting of these bids. And I don't know, because I've never seen one of them. But...

SENATOR BOURNE: Yeah, I would imagine that, given a project, a \$40 million plant, I would imagine that there was some timeliness provisions in the contract. At least if I was drafting the contract for a subcontractor or a general